



## **75<sup>TH</sup> RANGER REGIMENT**

### ***FACT SHEET***

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The 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment is the U.S. Army's premier light infantry unit.

With a primary mission of planning and conducting special missions in support of U.S. policy and objectives, the regiment is headquartered at Fort Benning, Ga., and consists of three Ranger battalions. The geographically dispersed battalions are:

- 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.
- 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — Fort Lewis, Wash.
- 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — Fort Benning, Ga.

Since the advent of the Global War on Terrorism after Sept. 11, 2001, the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment has conducted combat operations with almost every deployed special operations, conventional, and coalition force during both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Ranger Regiment participated in a wide range of diverse operations that included airborne and air assaults into Afghanistan and Iraq, mounted infiltrations behind enemy lines, complex urban raids and rescue operations. Throughout this period, the Rangers have continued to train in the United States and overseas to prepare for future no-notice worldwide combat deployments. The regiment also continues to recruit, assess and train the next generation of Rangers and Ranger leadership. More than 70 percent of current Rangers have conducted multiple combat deployments and many are on their fifth or sixth rotation since 9-11 in support of America's efforts during the Global War on Terrorism.

Typical Ranger missions are:

#### Airfield Seizures

- to establish air-landing capabilities for follow-on forces,
- to establish trans-load sites for precious cargo
- conducted using both special operations and light infantry tactics, techniques and procedures

#### Special Operations Raids

- strategic assets – high payoff targets
- destruction or recovery missions
- routinely operate within restrictive rules of engagement

#### Urban Combat

- advanced Military Operations in Urban Terrain techniques and breaching capability
- precision marksmanship
- advanced combatives (hand-to-hand) training



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The Army maintains the Regiment at a high level of readiness. Each battalion can deploy anywhere in the world with 18 hours notice. Because of the importance the Army places on the 75th Ranger Regiment, it must possess a number of capabilities.

These capabilities include:

### Direct Action Force

- provides critical light infantry capability and skills
- routinely complements or supports other Special Operations Forces
- capable of executing platoon through Regimental-sized operations
- resourced for exceptional proficiency, experience and readiness

### Specialized Infantry

- increased lethality and agility due to habitual Special Operations Forces relationships and specialized equipment
- resourced and trained for deep, precise operations on hardened targets – in *one cycle of darkness*
- rapidly deployable and ready strike force

To maintain readiness, Rangers train constantly. Their training encompasses arctic, jungle, desert, and mountain operations, as well as amphibious instruction. The training philosophy of the 75th Ranger Regiment dictates the unit's high state of readiness. The philosophy includes performance-oriented training, emphasizing tough standards and a focus on realism and live-fire exercises while concentrating on basics and safety. Training at night, during adverse weather or on difficult terrain, multiplies the benefits Ranger of training events. Throughout their training, Rangers are taught to expect the unexpected.

All officers and enlisted soldiers in the Regiment are four-time volunteers – for the Army, for airborne training, for the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment and for the U.S. Army Ranger Course. Those volunteers selected for the 75th Ranger Regiment must meet tough physical, mental and moral criteria. All commissioned officers and combat-arms noncommissioned officers must be airborne and Ranger qualified and have demonstrated a proficiency in the duty position for which they are seeking.

Upon assignment to the Regiment, both officers and senior NCOs attend the Ranger Orientation Program to help integrate them into the Regiment. ROP familiarizes them with Regimental policies, standing operating procedures, the commander's intent and Ranger standards. Junior enlisted soldiers assigned to the Regiment must first go through the Ranger Indoctrination



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Program. RIP assesses Rangers on their physical qualifications and emphasizes basic Regimental standards. Soldiers must pass ROP or RIP to remain assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Junior enlisted soldiers assigned to the regiment who are not yet Ranger qualified must attend a Pre-Ranger course, which ensures they are administratively, physically and mentally prepared before they attend the U.S. Army Ranger Course. The result of this demanding selection and training process is a Ranger who can lead effectively despite enormous mental and physical odds.

Each Ranger battalion is authorized 660 personnel, which are assigned to three rifle companies and a headquarters company.

Ranger battalions are equipped to be light, deployable and high-tech. Equipment designers develop state-of-the-art warfighting equipment for the Regiment. Rangers are often first in the Army to test and field many new systems.

Current Ranger weapons and equipment include:

- M-4 Carbine
- 84mm Ranger Antitank Weapons System
- 60mm, 81mm and 120mm Mortars
- M240B Machine Guns
- Mark 19 RP MM Grenade Launcher
- Javelin Portable missile system
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- Ground Mobility Vehicle-R
- Tactical Internet
- All-terrain Vehicles
- Grenadier Brat

When Soldiers leave the Ranger Regiment for other Army units, they take with them enhanced combat skills, expertise in joint, special operations and conventional arenas as well as new tactics, techniques and procedures.

**- RANGERS LEAD THE WAY! -**